

Avila
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Chestnut
Hill
College



College of
Our Lady of
the Elms



Fontbonne
University



Mount Saint
Mary's
University,
Los Angeles



Regis
College



St.
Catherine
University



St. Joseph's
College



The College
of
Saint Rose



The Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph

2015-2016
ANNUAL REPORT

A note from
Martha Malinski,
Executive Director



One year ago, I joined the Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph. My first priority was to visit each of the member campus. Each campus provided me with a unique look at their institution and work. Colleagues shared with me the details about their important work on campuses. Students moved me to tears describing the impact of the institutions and the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Board of Trustees met multiple times to identify priorities. Everyone engaged in dreaming about the future of the Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph to shape a new three year strategic plan that was approved by the Board of Trustees in January 2016.

The next three years will be transformative for ACSSJ as we focus on impact and collaboration. We have laid a groundwork for a bright future as we look to implement new, creative ways to best fulfill the organization's mission. Today, the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph is more important than ever in a changing, global world. In the rich tradition of the Sisters, we are encouraged to respond to the needs of the time. As the physical number of Sisters present on the member campuses decreases, it is now more important than ever that the Association must provide leadership and resources for deepening and sustaining the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

I hope you will join us in our work,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Malinski".

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Overview & Mission

Avila University | Chestnut Hill College | College of Our Lady of the Elms
Fontbonne University | Mount Saint Mary's University | Regis College
St. Catherine University | St. Joseph's College | The College of Saint Rose

The Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph (ACSSJ) draws together nine colleges and universities founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph to articulate and further the contemporary expression of the educational mission and legacy of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Association fosters collaboration among all the member institutions, provides resources for the faculty, staff and students at member colleges and universities and encourages mission integration on each campus.

All member institutions in the Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph hold values in common. These include:

- Create hospitable and caring campus communities
- Manifest concern for all without distinction
- Address the needs of the times
- Strive for excellence in all endeavors
- Work to make a difference in the local and world community

The Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph fosters collaboration among all member institutions.

learn more at acssj.org

The Association of Colleges
of Sisters of St. Joseph (ACSSJ)
Strategic Plan
2015-2018

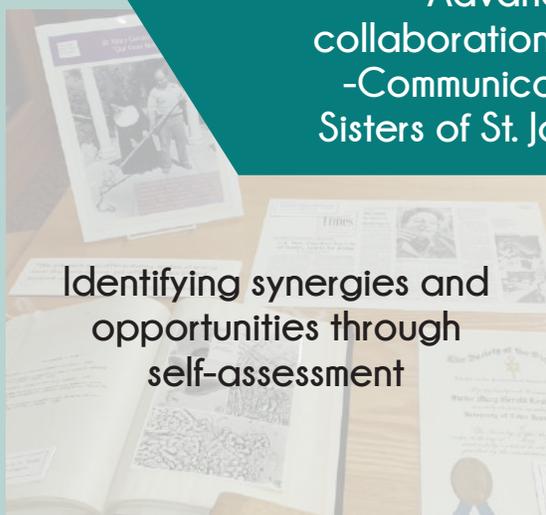


Conveying the ACSSJ identity



Engaging in shared experiences by creating new learning and teaching opportunities

Goals:
-Foster connectedness of member institutions
-Advance external collaborations and messaging
-Communicate the value of Sisters of St. Joseph Education



Identifying synergies and opportunities through self-assessment



Exploring experiences of charism practice

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Student Exchange Program

ACSSJ offers a student exchange program to all students enrolled at member colleges. Students may travel to another part of the country and attend another college for a semester or a year while leaving most of their financial aid package intact on the home campus.



“ I felt as if I was still at my home campus of Mount Saint Mary's University. You should consider doing the program because it's a way to get away and figure things out, **I came back with a different mentality and a motivation to end my undergraduate journey strong.** It made me ambitious to travel and open minded, it changes you completely. ”

-Estefani Alarcon,
Mount Saint Mary's University,
Student Exchange
Program Participant,
Studied at St. Joseph's College,
Brooklyn, NY



National Catholic Sisters Week

The Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph is grateful for a grant from National Catholic Sisters Week to support four member campus mini-grants. These grants allowed campuses to highlight the contributions of Sisters of St. Joseph to share contributions the Sisters of St. Joseph made to create a more just community through advocacy for human rights, sustainable development, public health and immigration. National Catholic Sisters Week is supported by a \$3.3 million grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.



Avila University hosted Sister Justine Gitanjali Senapati, CSJ. She presented on her life as an Indigenous Indian Sister of St. Joseph, as the UN-NGO representative for the global CSJ community, and on Avila's role as a CSJ university in advocating for sustainable development and human rights across the globe.



Mount Saint Mary's University hosted an open house at the Carondelet Center, provincial motherhouse to the Los Angeles Province of the CSJs of Carondelet. They exhibited a new display showcasing the research of Sr. Mary Gerald Leahy CSJ, a microbiologist whose studies have direct impact on current research into the mosquitos carrying the Zika virus.



Chestnut Hill College hosted “Beyond Borders: Mission at the Heart of Immigration and Advocacy” with Sister Veronica Roche, SSJ. Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Sister Mary Kay Flannery, SSJ, D.Minn gave the response.



St. Catherine University hosted “Habits and Hi-Jabs”. Panelists discussed the history of the CSJ's wearing the habit and the experience of Muslim students wearing the hi-job. Part of the motivation for the event was for Sisters and consociates to show support and solidarity for Muslim students and community members in this time of heightened Islamophobia.

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2015-2016 Highlights

- Approval of a new three year strategic plan for the organization
- Visited all member campuses and conducted a "listening tour"
- Received a National Catholic Sisters Week grant to support four campuses
- Launched a new website, newsletter and Facebook to promote visibility and awareness of organization's work and member campuses
- Created a Student Exchange Program Team and finalized programmatic policies and procedures
- Convened collegial conversations of Campus Ministers, International Education Directors, Mission Officers, Service-Learning Directors and Vice Presidents for Student Affairs
- Created a student internship program which balances meaningful work outcomes for the organization with a rich, learning experience for students from member campuses



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